

10. (currently canceled)
11. (currently canceled)
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13. (currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 11,~~  
~~further comprising:~~ A method of operating a power amplifier  
comprising:

receiving a radio frequency (RF) input signal with  
a first amplifier output stage and a second amplifier  
output stage;

enabling the first amplifier output stage and  
disabling the second amplifier output stage during a  
low power operating mode of the power amplifier;

enabling the first amplifier output stage and the  
second amplifier output stage during a high power  
operating mode of the power amplifier;

biasing a first set of transistors in the first  
amplifier output stage with a common bias reference  
circuit and a plurality of distributed bias circuits;  
and

biasing a second set of transistors in the second  
amplifier output stage with a common bias reference  
circuit and a plurality of distributed bias circuits.

14. (original) The method of Claim <sup>13</sup>~~11~~, wherein there  
are more transistors in the second set of transistors than  
in the first set of transistors.

15. (currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 11,~~  
~~further comprising:~~ A method of operating a power amplifier  
comprising:

receiving a radio frequency (RF) input signal with